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SUBJECT: SAFED AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 160485

1. RESPONSE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA)
TO EMBASSY'S MAY 2 NOTE WAS FINALLY RECEIVED ON JUNE 20.
IN ITS NOTE, MOFA AGREED TO MEETING TO REVIEW SAFED
AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATED WANG MENG-HSIEN, DIRECTOR
OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY, AS
"THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO
MEET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE".

2. FOLLOWING EMBASSY'S RECEIPT OF MOFA NOTE, ADCM
ASKED WANG TO MEET WITH HIM AT HIS EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. WANG STATED THAT SINCE HE HAS NO SUB-
STANTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF SAFED PROGRAM HE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE PRESENT AT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, JCRR AND CEPD. WANG PROMISED TO
CONSULT WITH THOSE AGENCIES AND LET ADCM KNOW PROMPTLY
WHEN MEETING COULD BE HELD. AS OF JUNE 24 WANG HAS
NOT SET A DATE.

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3. EMBASSY WILL KEEP PRESSURE ON MOFA; HOPEFULLY,
MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE EARLY IN WEEK OF JUNE 25.
DEPARTMENT WILL BE INFORMED WHEN DATE FINALLY
ARRANGED. UNGER

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